Remarks

Claims 17, 20-26 and 30-41 are pending in the subject application. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have added claim 42 and amended claims 21 (to include the word "and" within the Markush group) and 37-41 (to correct the dependency). In the previously filed response, claim 23 was inadvertently amended and made dependent upon the elected invention. Claim 23 has been amended to its previously presented form and indicated as withdrawn from consideration. New claim 42 has been presented to reintroduce the claim previously presented. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the subject specification, in the claims as originally filed and as indicated in the previously filed response. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 17, 20-26 and 30-42 (with claims 21 and 23 standing withdrawn from consideration) are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments presented herein have been made <u>solely</u> to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicants' agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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